

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Canceled)
2. (Currently Amended) The adapter apparatus of claim [[1]] 12, further comprising an upwardly-directed lip at the front of the inclined sheet.
3. (Currently Amended) The adapter apparatus of claim 2 further comprising a plurality of front end stop extensions provided adjacent the upwardly-directed lip.
4. (Currently Amended) The adapter apparatus of claim 3, wherein one or more of the front end stop extensions includes a generally inverted U-shaped wire member having first and second legs, said first and second legs extending through wire-receiving holes provided in the inclined sheet.
5. (Currently Amended) The adapter apparatus of claim 3, further comprising a cover provided over one or more of the front end stop extensions.
6. (Currently Amended) The adapter apparatus of claim 5, wherein each of the front end stop extensions includes a generally inverted U-shaped wire member having first and second legs, said first and second legs extending through wire-receiving holes provided in the inclined sheet, and said cover comprises a sleeve provided over the generally inverted U-shaped wire member, said sleeve including one or more of a group of indicia, a coupon dispenser, a flashing light, and a sound-emitting element.
7. (Currently Amended) The adapter apparatus of claim 3, wherein one or more of the front end stop extension comprises a semi-rigid curved sheet provided in an elongated slot formed in ~~one of~~ the front of the inclined sheet or in an elongated sheet-support member provided along the front of the inclined sheet.

8-11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently amended) An apparatus for converting a flat, horizontal shelf to an inclined gravity feed shelf, comprising:

an inclined sheet supporting a bearing surface, said bearing surface extending between a front and a rear of the inclined sheet;

a generally vertical wall extending downwardly from the rear of the inclined sheet;

a ledge extending forwardly of the generally vertical wall, said ledge positioned a predetermined distance below the rear of the inclined sheet;

a plurality of roller track members secured to the inclined sheet, each of the roller track members being generally C-shaped in cross-section and including an upper elongated surface having a plurality of roller-receiving apertures therein, a pair of side support legs extending downwardly from the upper elongated surface, inwardly-directed feet extending from each of the side support legs, and a plurality of axle-receiving holes along each of the side support legs, each of the axle-receiving holes along one of the side legs being aligned with one of the axle-receiving holes along the other side support leg;

a plurality of rollers, each of the rollers including an axle received in a pair of the axle-receiving holes in the side support legs of the roller track members; and

a plurality of pairs of columns of upwardly-projecting tangs, wherein the tangs in one of each of the pairs of columns extend sideways, in an opposite direction from the tangs of the other column of said pair of columns, each of said pairs of columns of tangs defining channels to receive the inwardly-directed feet extending from each of the side support legs of one of the roller track members and ~~The adapter of claim 11~~, wherein the tangs of one of the columns are staggered from the tangs of another of the columns.

13. (Withdrawn – Currently Amended) ~~The adapter~~ apparatus of claim 12, wherein the inclined sheet includes a multiplicity of roller supports extending upwardly therefrom.

14. (Withdrawn – Currently Amended) The adapter apparatus of claim 13, wherein the roller supports comprise tab members having axle-receiving openings therein.

15. (Withdrawn – Currently Amended) The adapter apparatus of claim 13, wherein the roller supports are integral with the inclined sheet.

16-17. (Canceled)

18. (Original) A method of converting a flat shelf of a gondola shelving unit into a gravity feed shelf comprising:

 piercing and forming a plurality of tabs on a sheet such that the tabs extend upwardly from the sheet and adapting the tabs to receive one of a group of an array of track members each having a bearing surface thereon and an array of rollers, extending between a front and a rear of the inclined sheet;

 securing to said plurality of tabs one of the group of an array of track members each having a bearing surface thereon and an array of rollers;

 forming a downwardly-extending leg along the rear of the inclined sheet;

 securing a stop member to said downwardly-extending leg a predetermined distance from the rear of the inclined sheet; and

 placing the stop member on a rear end of a flat shelf and placing the front of the inclined sheet on said flat shelf, whereby the rear of the inclined sheet is raised off the flat shelf by a distance corresponding to the predetermined distance between the stop member and the rear of the inclined sheet.

19-20. (Canceled)